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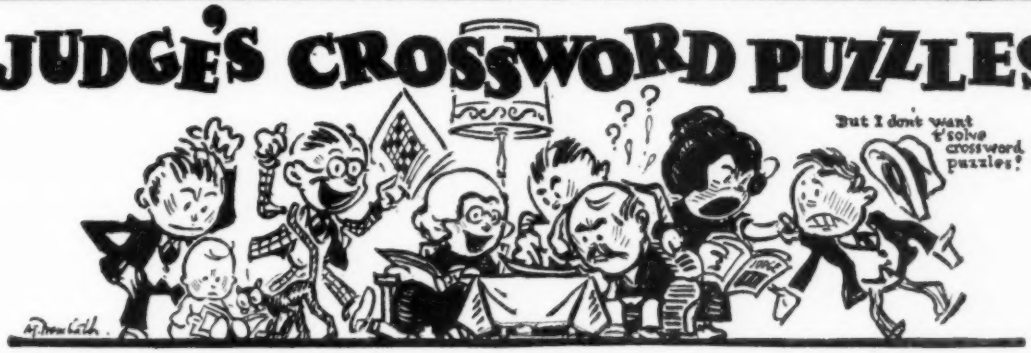

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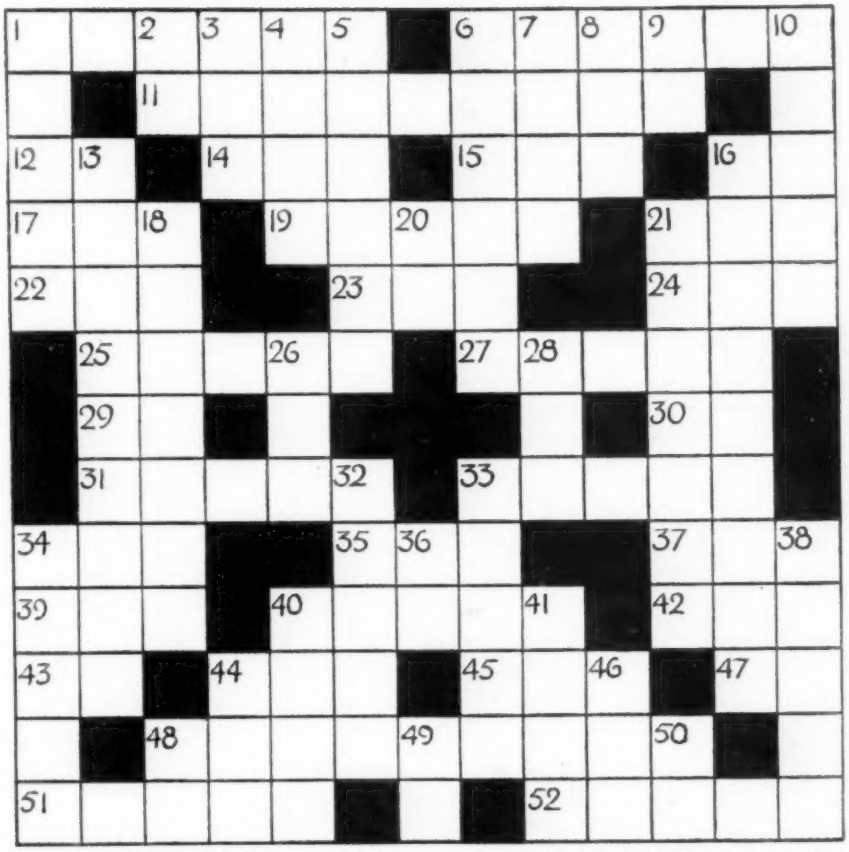

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By Mrs. D. B. Golden, El Dorado, Kan.

Listen, Crossword Fans! If you want your puzzles returned enclose stamps! That's fair enough, isn't it?

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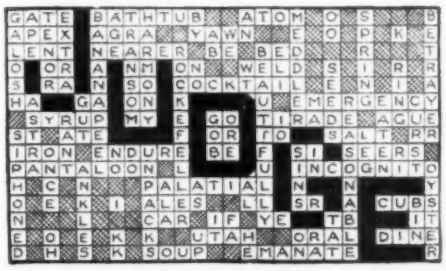

Judge will run a Crossword Puzzle every week and will pay $25 apiece for each one printed, but the words and key must be funny!

ASK DAD—HE KNOWS

What They Laughed at in the Good Old Days

T. S. Sullivant in Judge, 1903.

AMBIGUOUS

FARMER JONES—*What time does the next train leave here?*

MOOSE MEADOW STATION MASTER—*Oh, there's two leaves before that, but they hain't got in yet.*

James Montgomery Flagg in Judge, 1905.

SETTLED

MR. JONES—*I think I'm going to have appendicitis.*

MRS. JONES—*Oh, you do? Well, I think I'm going to have a new hat, and your appendicitis can wait.*

Attorney—Did you see the plaintiff strike the defendant?

Witness—Oi did, sor.

"And was the assault committed with malice aforethought?"

"No, sor, with a mallet behoind the ear. —*Judge, 1902*

Probably

"That fills the bill!" When first was heard
This very common term?
Perhaps 'twas when the early bird
Had caught the early worm.
—*Judge, 1900*

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Miss Cutting—How did you get here—by the Boston Special?

Mr. Old Boy—No, by special providence. I came in an automobile. —*Judge, 1903*

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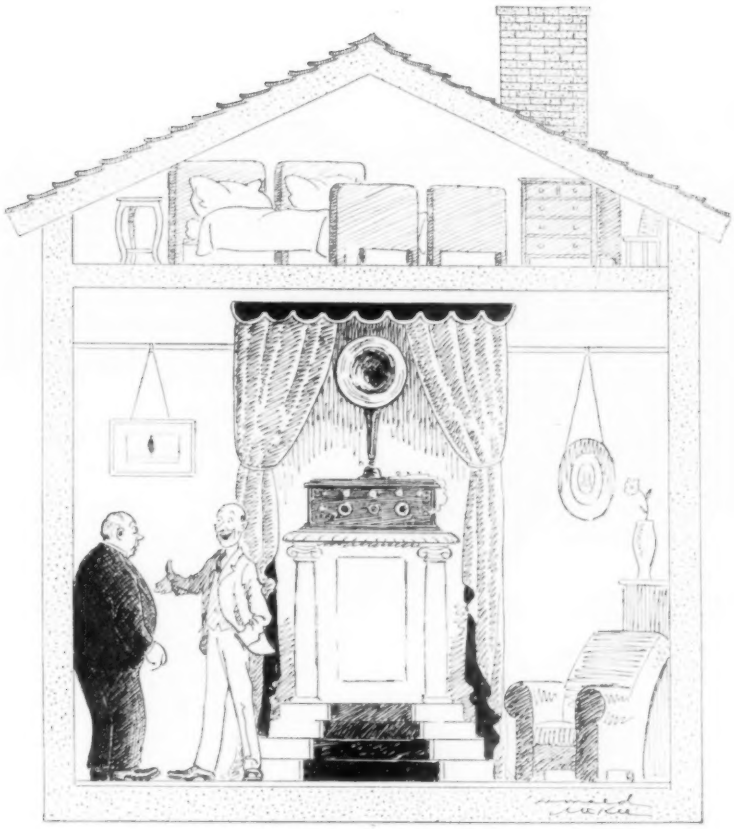
Josh—Wot did ye pay ter see "Hamlet" last night?

Jake—Thirty cents.

"Come off! I seen ye way up in the top gallery."

"Wa-al, I paid twenty cents for eggs." —*Judge, 1901*



HOST—*That chump next door has practically built his house around his garage!*

Aunt Jane's Column

A SERIOUS situation confronts the newspaper reading public. For years meddlesome old women have been conducting, "Advice to the Lovelorn" columns and as a result every silly little girl whose John has gone back on her writes to these oracles for truth and wisdom. Do they get it? They do not! The truth, if possible, is hidden behind platitudes and the wisdom, if any, is not hidden anywhere. It isn't there to be hidden.

The time has come for some brave, womanly woman (you know the kind I mean. A real womanly woman) to conduct a column of this sort in truth and veracity.

My idea of it is this:

DEAR AUNT JANE:

I am a good looking girl (they always are), twenty-two years old. I am in love (funny, but it's chronic) with a gentleman, thirty-five years my senior. He is wealthy, cultured and treats me with respect. My family objects to the difference in our ages, however, and refuse to allow me to marry him. Should I marry him anyhow?

Troubled Blue Eyes

TROUBLED BLUE EYES:

Hell, yes, marry him. I am not so sure he is the gentleman you think he is, but since he is fifty-seven it won't make much difference. Your parents object! It is to guffaw! You are twenty-two and if you weren't, it would be all right. Take him, child, and his jack, too.

Then we have this case:

DEAR AUNT JANE:

I am a good looking (I told you they always are) girl of seventeen and in love (See? What did I tell you?) with a boy two years my senior. Until last week he seemed to return this love. Then I went to a dance and caught him kissing my best girl friend. Should I ignore him and try to patch my broken heart?

Jealous Jennie

JEALOUS JENNIE:

Think nothing of it, dearie. It is all the rage these days. In fact, as my Deauville correspondent says, it's the heat. Shall you ignore him? Certainly not! So long as he has the squiddy in his purse, stick to him. What's a kiss shared among friends? If he gets too interested in this best girl friend, so-called, shoot them both and go to a very dark movie theater. You'll find one to take his place.

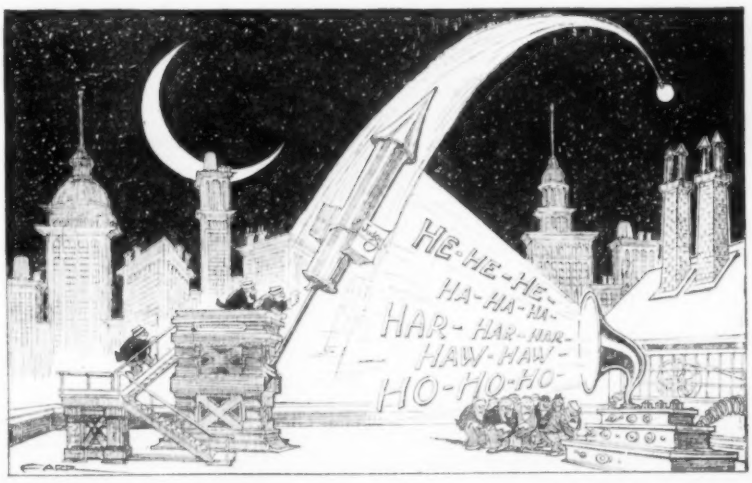
No fooling, now, isn't that the happier and more civilized way of doing things? I thought so, too.

Whitney Bolton

Oh, Sophisticated Youth!

A modern young man kissed a beautiful but modern young girl. "I'll be frank with you," he said after the embrace was over, "you're not the first girl I ever kissed, by a long shot."

She lit a cigarette. "And I'll be equally frank with you," she replied. "You've got a great deal to learn, even at that." —*Capper's Weekly*



How to reach Mars. Put a few copies of JUDGE *in a rocket and shoot it up to Mars, if there is any life up there we'll catch their chuckles over the radio.*

Design for a fireplace guaranteed to give forth a satisfactory amount of heat.

O'Neill Steams Into Port

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II

MADAME SIMONE'S histrionic genius has never been such as to cause me to rush hatless out of the theater where she was playing and hug the nearest gendarme in an ecstasy of delight. Indeed, I may go so far as to say that the madame has generally left this old cynic pretty cold. Her talents, so loftily praised by French critics, have never been clearly discernible to me, and my oculist assures me that my eyes are in very good shape. Nevertheless, I went around to the Henry Miller Theater the other night and got something of a shock.

For there on the stage was La Simone surprising a whole lot of us by giving a really skillful and spirited performance of that ancient Sardoudaddle, "Madame Sans-Gene." Well, such things happen every now and then. No sooner has the reviewer written his fifty thousandth word, proving beyond all question of doubt that this or that actor or actress ought to be poisoned instanter than the actor or actress goes and spoils it all by doing himself or herself proud. I think that it is high time the reviewers got together and did something about it. Such things are very embarrassing. They ought to be stopped.

III

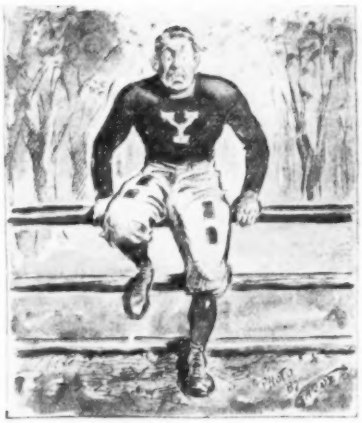
IT IS generally said that the critic who shouts a thing at the top of his voice and with a great air of cocksuredness more often than not is mistaken. Not long ago, conducting myself in this objectionable and deplorable manner, I said that the M. Basil Dean, the English producer who was imported to put on James Flecker's "Hassan," was, so far as I could make out after a survey of a number of his productions, a decidedly sour professor. I have just seen the M. Dean's production of "Peter Pan" at the Knickerbocker Theater and I now want to apologize to the editor of JUDGE, to my readers, and to the M. Dean himself.

What I said of the latter should have been said in a voice twice as loud as the one I employed and with an air of cocksuredness that would make the air in the Subway smell, in comparison, like that of Cope Cod. For if ever a beautiful play has had a rose and a couple of cauliflowers pinned on it by an unimaginative and heavy-handed producer, step up to this stage job of the Barrie classic and take a look at it.

It is all very well to blame little Miss Marilyn Miller for not being quite a Maude Adams in certain respects, but Maude Adams herself would have had a tough time of it with anything like Dean's production fingering its nose at her. I trust that this doesn't seem to be mere ungentlemanly abuse of Mr. Dean. It is nothing of the kind. It is not abuse, but criticism that gets rid of all embroidery and gets right down to tacks. He has made a sad botch of one of the most lovely of modern plays. If you doubt it, if you think that this may, after all, be the opinion of but one man, put on your hat and investigate for yourself. The odds that you will agree with me are exactly 100 to 1.

A famous dress designer thinks out his finest creations at night, when he can't sleep. The bills husbands have to pay for them are said to have the same effect. —*London Opinion*

NEIGHBOR—*Your nephew seems to be a well-bred little pup.*
"Yes, but I can't break him of the habit of pointing."



Unfortunately the halfback of the Yale team had been on the receiving end of a hard tackle the day he had his picture taken.

Very Noticeable Then

"How awkward Alice is. She doesn't seem to know what to do with her hands."

"I noticed that when she was playing bridge." —*Boston Transcript*

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Visitor (to hospital attendant)—Is Mr. Murphy in?

Hospital Attendant (to visitor)—Yes, he is convalescing now.

"Very well, I'll wait!"

Answers (London)

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"Look here," he said. "I'm going to leave. I've never seen such dirty towels in my life, and I can never find any soap."

"But you've got a tongue in your head," was the landlady's curt reply.

"Yes," was the quick response, "but I'm not a cat."

Tit-Bits (London)

Dad Set Right

Reggie—I hope you stuck up for me when your father said I was a born fool.

Rena—Indeed I did! I told papa your success in that line is entirely due to your own efforts.

—*Boston Transcript*

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Ambulances to pick up dogs run over by motorists have appeared on the Great North Road. The only chance a stricken pedestrian has is to growl realistically.

—*Passing Show* (London)

A Hot Return

"I wouldn't be seen at the New-rich ball."

"Oh, you're not so insignificant as that, dear." —*Boston Transcript*

NERVE EXHAUSTION

How Nerve Abuse Wrecks Health

by PAUL von BOECKMANN

Lecturer, and Author of numerous books and treatises on Mental and Physical Energy, Respiration, Psychology, and Nerve Culture

THERE is but one malady more terrible than Nerve Exhaustion, and that is its kin, Insanity. Only those who have passed through a siege of Nerve Exhaustion can understand the true meaning of this statement. It is HELL; no other word can express it. At first, the victim is afraid he will die, and as it grips him deeper, he is afraid he will not die; so great is his mental torture. He becomes panic-stricken and irresolute. A sickening sensation of weakness and helplessness overcomes him. He becomes obsessed with the thought of self-destruction.

Nerve Exhaustion is due to nerve strain. There is no other cause for it. In men, nerve exhaustion can generally be traced to excesses and vices, although the strain of intense concentration and the worries of business life are often the chief factors. In women, Nerve Exhaustion is due mainly to over active emotions. Especially in their marital, domestic and kindred relations do women subject their emotions to constant upheavals. Indeed, we are all under severe nerve strain because of the mile-a-minute life we are leading. And no man or woman is so strong as to be immune to this strain.

Nerve Exhaustion is not a malady that comes suddenly, yet its symptoms are unmistakable. It does not manifest itself, as many think, in twitching muscles and trembling hands. The majority of sufferers from nerves seem strong and healthy, and may have not a tremor in their body, yet *inwardly* their nerves are in a turmoil and are undermining the entire bodily organism.

The symptoms of Nerve Exhaustion vary according to individual characteristics, but the development is usually as follows: First Stage: lack of energy and endurance; that "tired feeling." Second Stage: Nervousness; restlessness; sleeplessness, irritability; decline in sex force; loss of hair, nervous indigestion; sour stomach: gas in bowels; constipation; irregular heart; poor memory; lack of mental endurance; dizziness; headache; backache; neuritis, rheumatism, and other pains. Third Stage: Serious mental disturbances; fear, undue worry; melancholia; dangerous organic disturbances; suicidal tendencies; and in extreme cases, insanity.

If only a few of the symptoms mentioned apply to you, especially those indicating mental turmoil, you may be sure that your nerves are at fault—that you have exhausted your Nerve Force.

Perhaps you have chased from doctor to doctor seeking relief for a mysterious "something the matter with you." Each doctor tells you that there is nothing the matter with you; that every organ is perfect. But you know there is something the matter. You feel it, and you act it. You are tired, dizzy, cannot sleep, cannot digest your food, and you have pains here and there. You are told you are "run down," and need a rest. Your doctor may prescribe a drug—a nerve stimulant or sedative. Leave nerve tonics alone. It is like making a tired horse run by towing him behind an automobile.

And don't be deceived into believing that some magic system of physical exercise can restore the nerves. It may develop your muscle but it does so at the expense of the nerves, as thousands of athletes have learned through bitter experience.

The cure of weak and deranged nerves must have for its basis an understanding of how the nerves are affected by various abuses and strains. It demands an understanding of certain simple laws in mental and physical hygiene, mental control, relaxation, and how to develop immunity to the many strains of everyday life. Through the application of this knowledge, the most advanced case of Nerve Exhaustion can be corrected.

PAUL VON BOECKMANN

Author of "Nerve Force" and various other books on Health, Psychology, Breathing, Hygiene and kindred subjects, many of which have been translated into foreign languages.

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Conservatism and Prosperity

by Theodore Williams

THE response of the securities market to the triumph of conservatism and common sense in the Presidential contest was vigorous and significant, even though it was not in some instances fully sustained. It expressed relief for certain escape from radical or disturbing Federal policies for another four years. The result was regarded by the financial world as assuring to business the peace and stability prerequisite to prosperity. The demonstration on the exchanges was quite as pronounced and lasting as if the verdict of the people had not already been fully foreseen and largely discounted.

The indications are that business, big and little, alike, may now pluck up fresh hope and courage. The factitious hindrances of politics and the threat of radical action by Congress have been removed for a considerable time to come. Especially gratifying is this to the railroads, which seem to have been

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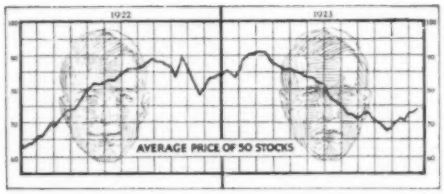

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There will of course be halts in business and recessions in the value of securities due to adverse happenings or to technical market conditions. It will not do to abandon caution and to venture rashly. But the fundamental forces are set so strongly toward improvement that only something very unusual could long impede the forward trend. The buyers of stocks and bonds who exercise discretion will hardly go amiss if they select standard issues whenever these show declines. Careful attention should be given to proposed mergers and to earnings and dividend possibilities of corporations. Some of the, at present, non-dividend payers, too, may well be studied with reference to their future, for if the nation continues to prosper, a number of issues now quoted low may some day become valuable through the increased profits of the companies they represent.

Answers to Inquiries

D., Hyde Park, Vt.: Associated Simmons Hardware Companies reported deficits in 1921 and 1922, but a substantial surplus in 1923. The profit was not sufficient for resuming the suspended preferred dividend and nothing was earned on common shares. The company's 6½ per cent. notes are secured on pledge of stocks of various companies in the organization. The notes are reasonably safe but are not of the gilt edged variety.

C., Detroit, Mich.: I have no record of such a concern as the Security Oil & Refining Co. There was a Security Oil Corporation but at last accounts it was in liquidation. If you are receiving contradictory stories from the company, 2,500 shares of whose stock you own, you do well to suspend further payments until you get a clear cut and satisfactory statement from the officials. The stocks of new and untried oil companies are usually a gamble and thousands of investors are sorry they ever bought them.

K., Indianapolis, Ind.: Famous Players-Lasky, Inc., reported earnings of $10.25 on common for the first nine months of this year. The dividend of 8 per cent. therefore must be assured. The common shares make a liberal yield on market price and would sell higher if they were less speculative. As it is they are a good business man's purchase. The preferred stock, selling about a dozen points higher, carries the same dividend rate and is more like an investment.

B., Willmar, Minn.: Cities Service common stock is making a fair yield on market price but the dividend for a long time has been paid in scrip. The scrip has a market value and cash can be obtained for it. The company is a giant public utility and oil producing organization. Its preferred stock is very attractive. The Rickenbacker Motors Co. is making progress and is a dividend payer. The stock has been quoted as low as $6 bid and $6½ asked which is materially below par. These figures indicate some uncertainty as to the company's future.

W. Moore Haven, Fla.: I cannot give you the rating of the Ferralin Co. of Atlanta. It does not appear in any regular list of corporations. The $10 shares of a patent medicine concern do not impress me as a good investment. The business is not of the solid kind and it would be more prudent to buy the issues of well established companies that are dividend payers. A better purchase would be Wright Aeronautical, paying $1 yearly and quoted at about $12.

B., Kent, Wash.: The shares of the American Hemp & Flax Co. of Cleveland are not listed or quoted on the exchanges. As for the affairs of the Home Profit Hosiery Co., the receiver is the proper person to apply to for information. Possibly the attorney for the creditors can give you some facts.

S., Philadelphia, Pa.: The National Dairy Products Co. was organized in December, 1923. Although rather young, it has acquired several successful concerns. The earnings enable payment of dividend at the rate of $3 yearly. The stock is a fair business man's investment.

C., Highland Park, Mich.: The Burnham Chemical Co. is a local concern, having no connection with the stock market. Its operations and earnings should be covered in reports for which you as a stockholder have a right to ask the company.

R., Los Angeles, Cal.: General Petroleum Co.'s stock pays only $2 and is quoted at about $44. Unless the dividend is to be increased there seems to be very little speculative possibility in the stock. Union Oil of California, quoted at about 132, pays a dividend of $1.80 quarterly, which is less than 6 per cent. on market price. It is sufficiently high for its dividend. Union Oil is the stronger of the two companies.

W., Mobile, Ala., and D. Evart, Mich.: Now after the Presidential election the outlook is clearer. If bought right the following issues should prove sound and profitable investments: Union Pacific R. R. common, Southern Pacific R. R., New York Central R. R., General Motors 7 per cent. pfd., U. S. Steel common, American Waterworks 7 per cent. pfd., American Steel Foundries and Standard Gas & Electric common. For safe investment and not speculation, you might consider the 7 per cent. first mortgage real estate bonds advertised in Judge.

M., Viroqua, Wis.: The St. Paul Railway bonds, maturing in 1925, will be cared for in some fashion, but it is doubtful if they can be redeemed in cash. They may be extended for a term of years or a new security may be offered in exchange for them. They appear to be safe, but the disposition of them may not be quite satisfactory to all holders. The issue is more a speculation than an investment. There was recently a severe drop in the price of the bonds, but improved earnings assuring fixed charges brought about a recovery.

T., Tampico, Mexico: It is probable that with the improved business generally expected in the various industries all the four stocks you mention may appreciate in value. Cuban-American Sugar paying $3 is a fairly inviting purchase at present price. Texas Company pays $3 and this is a good return on the current quotation. Congoleum is also a $3 issue, quoted higher than the other two, but the yield is fair. Bethlehem Steel common lately went below the price you quote. It is hardly probable that it will advance much until there is a prospect of the resumption of its dividend. Whether all of these stocks should prove short time profit makers, or long term deals cannot, of course, positively be predicted.

M., Buffalo, N. Y.: Union Carbide & Carbon Corp. is strong and prosperous. Its stock is all of one class and it has no funded debt. The authorized issue of stock is 3,000,000 shares of no par value. Of these 2,659,733 shares are outstanding. The dividend rate is $5 yearly and the stock has been selling at about $60. This makes the yield liberal.

H., Cleveland, O.: The American Automatic Connector Co. appears to be new and untried. I have no idea what the railroad companies think of its device. I suggest that you communicate on the subject with some leading railroad officials.

L., Burlington, N. J.: The Lewis Oil Corp. is a minor concern. It reports fair earnings but is paying no dividends on nearly $8,000,000 capital stock. Working capital is moderate and surplus small. The company's bonds are not of large amount and can be classed as a fairly good business man's purchase.

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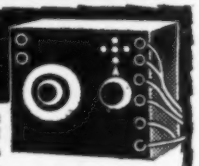

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Let Us Be Kinder to Traffic Cops

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Civil War). I had fairly snarled at the poor fellow.

On another occasion when I was in quite a rush, a motorcycle policeman was the object of my wrath. He was one of the most irritating traffic officers I have ever encountered—an unusually stupid sort, at least on the surface. He followed me for several miles down the boulevard. Somehow it always gets on my nerves terribly to hear a motorcycle officer chugging along behind me. Finally he caught up with me and got directly in front of me and I almost ran over him. I had to come to a dead stop to keep from killing him. I certainly gave him a piece of my mind.

"There you go, obstructing traffic, you big stiff!" I said, scowling at him, and taking out my notebook. "You have been bothering me for two or three miles, and I won't have it! I might have run over dozens of women and children, trying to look backward at you and keep my eye on the road ahead at the same time. You are the third cop that has annoyed me to-day, and I am sick and tired of it. Now I am going to report you at headquarters. You just turn your motorcycle right around and come with me to the station."

Well, by the time I got to police court, I had softened somewhat and I put the case up to the judge mildly, in fact pleaded for his leniency, and he let the poor devil off with suspension of a week's pay.

I might have handled this fellow differently, too. He might have responded to a good heart-to-heart talk

and I might have left him a better traffic cop, instead of an enemy to motorists. He probably missed that week's pay. I was sorry for the incident.

After all, there is some excuse for the seemingly stupid actions of many of these traffic cops and for their apparent disregard of the rights and feelings of car drivers. Many of their errors are due to absent-mindedness, I'll wager. Half the time their minds are on business worries and domestic problems and it is only natural that they should sometimes vex us.

So I, for one, have made up my mind to see if I cannot do something to educate them instead of growing angry at them. I mean to be more, well, more fatherly toward them. I shall call them over to the curb, and in a low, considerate tone of voice, attempt to educate them, rather than reprimand them. I shall explain that I am just as anxious to get downtown in a hurry without killing anybody as they are to have me get downtown in a hurry without killing anybody. I shall point out that our interests are mutual. I shall treat them less like criminals.

I am even going so far as to try a new little scheme of which I have thought. I plan to carry a lovely bunch of roses in the tonneau of my car, and when a cop gives me cause for grievance, I am, instead of growling and cursing, going to hand him the roses and say, "That's all right, brother. I'm not mad. Just try to do better the next time."

A Trying Interview

She haughtily eyed him and refused to answer his question.

"It is useless to pretend you have forgotten me," he insinuated, and nonchalantly strolling toward her attempted to take her in his arms, but he had scarcely touched her when, alarmed at her piercing scream, he ceased from continuing his unwelcome attentions.

His attempt to pacify her and his assurance that there was no cause for alarm were answered by a paroxysm of tears.

"You are simply a spoiled child," he angrily declared, "there is nothing to cry about."

But the more he argued the louder she wept.

"All right then," he continued, losing his temper, "I have finished with you," and as he left her in disgust he hesitated for a moment at the open door.

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Two Celluloid Clowns

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best pictures of 1924 and one that will stand comparison with any picture ever made. It's one of the pictures you should see; though you go infrequently.

To me, Lon Chaney will add more to his laurels by his characterization of "He" than he did with the superficial and highly hokumized Quasimodi in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

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WITH "The Lover of Camille" I am not so much in sympathy. It may be a back-handed compliment to Monte Blue, but he's a poor clown. Nor can I work up any pity for a man who leaves his wife for another woman and then lets her slip through his fingers. A man like that isn't a clown, he's an ass and doesn't deserve to be successful in the game of love.

Some day some one ought to write a play about a clown who, by the very power of comedy, could Pied Piper and balance on his nose as many women as would, standing one on top of the other, reach as high as the Woolworth tower. It would be a prettier compliment to the female sense of humor than that usually laid down by playwrights who apparently know so little of clowns . . . or of women.

WHENEVER the great open spaces show signs of tightening up the movies open 'em right up again. The G. O. S. as a matter of fact owe most of their greatness to the movies.

I don't blame the movies in the least, for they realize that the minute they lose the great open spaces they're going to have a lot of shootin' irons and horses, and gals and pretty bum actors on their hands. So they throw a wedge into the open spaces and keep 'em open.

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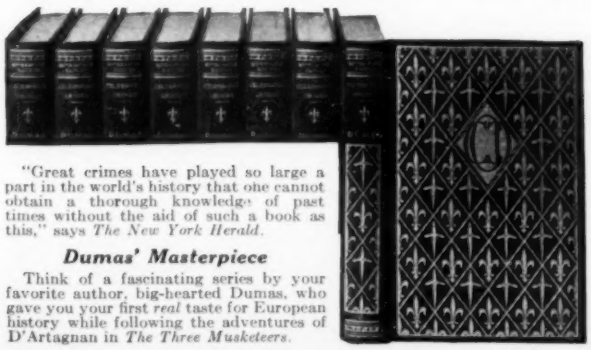

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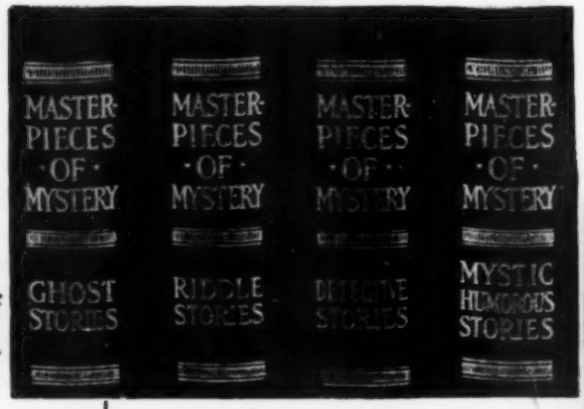

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